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### \*\*\*Update\*\*\*

## Use of Force Investigation

On April 8, 2017, the Columbus Division of Police began an administrative investigation into a use of force by officers responding to a report of a man with a gun in the vicinity of the residence at 3127 Maize Road. The initial chain-of-command investigation has been completed and is available to the public through the Ohio Open Records Law.

A determination, at the Deputy Chief level, found the type of force used by one of the officers was outside of policy. The ruling focuses on the **type of force applied**. The strike/stomp was an **untrained technique** and was found to be **unreasonable** and in violation of the Division's Use of Force Directive 2.02, II, A, 3 which states:

- Officers shall **use their training** to guide them through a use of force incident. **The preferred response** to resistance and aggression **is a trained technique**. However, during a situation involving the infliction or threatened infliction of serious physical harm, the use of an untrained response (e.g., neck restraints), while not normally authorized, may be reasonable to end the threat and survive the encounter. The proper exertion of physical force used to control persons **shall be consistent with Division policy**.

The investigation has been forwarded to the Division's Discipline Grievance Section for a just cause review. A lieutenant assigned to the Professional Standards Bureau will review the investigation for completeness in accordance with Division policy and the collective bargaining agreement. A review of past discipline decisions involving similar conduct by Division employees will assist in determining whether the actions of the officer warrant deviation of progressive discipline, which could result in a hearing in front of the Chief of Police.

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